

SYMROLIC 2023

11TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE-RULE OF LAW IN CONTEXT: GLOBALISATION AND INDIAN RESONANCES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is hosting the 11th Annual International Research Conference-Rule of Law in Context: Globalisation and Indian Resonances to Sustainable Development Goals (SYMROLIC 2023) in association with SLS NOIDA, SLS Hyderabad and SLS Nagpur in hybrid mode on 5th and 6th May 2023. The Inauguration Ceremony was held on **5th May, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. IST** at Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP Co-funded by EU) Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) delivered the Welcome Address immediately after the ceremonial lighting of the lamp with the esteemed dignitaries. The **Conference Abstract Compilation** was released by **Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur**, the Chief Guest, **Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Dean, School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies, National Forensic Sciences University**, along with **Prof. Dr. KVS Sharma, Vice Chancellor Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad, Dr. YSR Murthy, Vice Chancellor and Founding Dean, School of Law RV University,** and **Prof. Dr. Bindu Ronald, Professor SLS-P.** A video screening was presented to provide an overview of the **Symbiosis Centre for International and Comparative Child Rights Law**. Subsequently, the Guest of Honour, **Prof. (Dr.) Asha Bajpai**, an expert in International Child Rights and Professor at TISS, Mumbai, inaugurated the Centre virtually via the Zoom platform. **Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, the Dean of the School of Law, Forensic Justice and Policy Studies at the National Forensic Sciences University**, delivered the Chief Guest's address on the theme of '*Legal Road to SDG*'.

The plenary session, themed "**Legal Pathways to Sustainable Development Goals: Global and Indian Perspectives**," was initiated by **Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP Co-funded by EU) Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University)** who examined the roots of interdependence and the evolution of global

objectives from the Millennium Development Goals. **Dr. MK Ramesh, Professor, NLSIU Bangalore Chair Professor, Urban Poor and the Law (Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, GoI)** then virtually discussed the Indian Constitutional Vision's role in realizing SDGs, highlighting global and Indian perspectives and the influence of the Make in India initiative on enterprise growth and global demand. **Prof. (Dr.) Purvi Pokhariyal, Director National Forensic Science University** addressed the significance of adopting a societal approach towards SDGs and the effects of sensitization on SDG localization in her discussion on **"Law and Human Behavior."** **Dr. Asha Bajpai, International Child Rights Expert, TISS, Mumbai** emphasized on child rights and SDGs, particularly regarding disabled children, gender equality, and child marriage as a form of harassment. She advocated for a convergence between the Right to Education Act and the Persons with Disability Act to achieve SDGs.

Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Patil, Professor and Head - Research Publications at Symbiosis Centre for Research and Innovation (SCRI) conducted the Workshop Session on **"Choosing the Right Journal and Writing to Suit a Journal"**. Prof. Patil discussed research metrics, objectives, and key components, as well as identifying suitable journals and understanding relevant theories. He covered SIU publication standards, academic and technical writing aspects, and addressed the rigorous review process and challenges in publishing. Dr. Patil highlighted common errors, the importance of result analysis, and shared his publication mantra, "Publish Good Mantras or Perish." He concluded with a focus on quality indicators and a hands-on exercise on paper citations and index calculations.

Track 1, centered on *Law and Human Behavior*, which covered various focal areas such as poverty, hunger, health, education, gender equality, and legal systems. The panel comprised of **Dr. YSR Murthy, Vice Chancellor and Founding Dean, School of Law, RV University; Dr. Santosh Aghav, Director, SLS, Hyderabad** and **Prof. (Dr) K I Vibhute, Professor of Law, Distinguished Visiting Faculty, SLS-P**. The panel discussion further included paper presentations by fourteen presenters with **Samara Sahu (SLS-P)** and **Shivaramakrishnan M. and Kaustubh Balaji (Sastra University)** as track winner and runner-up respectively.

Track 2, focused on **Business, Trade, Commerce, Management and Law** with panelists **Prof. (Dr.) KVS Sharma, Vice-Chancellor Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad, Prof. (Dr.) Indrajit Dubey, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Meghalaya,**

and Prof. Lindsay Trotman, Associate Professor, Massey University of New Zealand. A total of seven papers were presented in the track followed by feedback from the panel with **Yash Singh Naruka and Prerna Singh** (NUSRL, Ranchi) and **Ashish Vinod Naik and Sanskruti Mahale** (SLS-P) as track winner and runner-up respectively.

Track 3 themed around **International Law, Policy, and Governance**, and addressed focal areas such as climate change, international migration, global inequalities, and legal empowerment. The track had **Dr. Suhas Tuljapurkar, Founder and Managing Director, Legasis Partner; Prof. (Dr.) Sanoj Rajan Distinguished, Professor of International Law Zhejiang Gongshang University and Prof. Dr. John Quigley, Moritz College of Law, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University.** The parallel track further included paper presentations by fourteen presenters with **Akshay Triloki Nath** (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) and **Hardik Jain and Rishi Khemnani** (SLS-P) as track winner and runner-up respectively.

Track 4 themed around **EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy**, and addressed focal areas such as Climate Change, Clean Water and Sanitation, Climate Action, Cascading to Community, Corporate Compliances, SDG Lawyering and reforms. The track had **Dr. Prakash Rao, Deputy Director, SIIB and Dr. Przemyslaw Tacik, Assistant Professor at the Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University of Kraków, Poland** as panelist. The parallel track further included paper presentations by eighth presenters with **Sridattha Charan, Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Dr. Sujata Arya and Yash** (SLS-P) and **Vindhya Gupta** (SLS-P) as track winner and runner-up respectively.

Track 5 themed around **Innovation, Science, Technology and Law**, and addressed focal areas Affordable and Clean Energy, AI, Healthcare, Data Science, Law Tech, 21st Teach Skills, Green Technology, Alternative Energy, IT Law, Cyber Forensics, Data Protection, Blockchain, Digital Currency, IOT, Cloud Computing, Laws pertaining to Fake News, IP Laws, AI and IP, Patenting Nanotechnology, Traditional Knowledge, Biodiversity, SDG Lawyering and reforms. The track had **Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats Professor of Law & Dean Academics Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Adv Puneet Bhasin, Cyber Law & Cyber Crime Expert, Dr. Saurabh Chandra Deputy Director, SLS, NOIDA** as panelist. The parallel track further included paper presentations by seventeen presenters **with Akshay Chugh, Dr. Shirish Kulkarni and Sangramjit Chavan** (SLS-P) and **Prof. Jivantika Gulati and Radha Ranjan** (SLS-P) as track winner and runner-up respectively.

Track 6 themed around **Public Law, Society and Governance**, and addressed focal areas namely Decent Work and Economic Growth Role of State (SDG No. 8), Public Health, Constitutionalism, Governance and Environment, Life Below Water (SDG No. 14), Life on Land, Peace and Justice Strong Institutions, Dispute Resolution, Mental Health Law, Access to medicine, Patient's rights, Food Security, Poverty, Conserving the Earth, SDG Lawyering and reforms. The track had **Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakraborti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS, and Prof. Kris Gledhill, Professor, Auckland University of Technology New Zealand** as panelists. The parallel track further included paper presentations by nine presenters with **Aradome Belai Khan (SLS-P) and Aradhya Bindal and SM Aamir Ali (SLS-P)** as track winner and runner-up respectively.

Dr. Satya Sundar Shetty, Associate Professor in the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Madras, Chennai, conducted an engaging workshop on the topic of **"Integrating Indian Philosophy into Research"** (Under ERASMUS+CBHE Project on **Teacher Training with Specialization on life and information technology skills/21st TS Co-funded by European Union**). The session involved a lively and interactive exchange of ideas, with participants exploring a range of topics that brought together issues of law and order with the rich and diverse philosophical traditions of India.

The Valedictory Ceremony of SYMROLIC 2023 was graced by **Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC-LAMP Co-funded by EU) Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Deputy Director (Academics), and Prof. (Dr.) Bindu Ronald Professor of Law, Symbiosis Law School, Pune**. Prof. Gurpur addressed the attendees with a symbolic inception and highlighted the importance of parallel research. She suggested expanding the research domain and emphasized on the integration of law and technology as the new trend. Prof. Gurpur stressed on the need for legal research to focus on the context of rule of law and also talked about the dynamic dimension of the legal domain. She congratulated the organizers on the success of SYMROLIC 2023, citing an increase in the number of papers (68 papers in 2023 compared to 54 papers last year) and abstracts (115 in 2023 compared to 110 last year) received this time. Prof. Gurpur concluded by stating that every SYMROLIC celebration is an amalgamation of ideas that explore new research avenues. The ceremony proceeded with the prize distribution

and selection of papers to be sent for publication after blind peer review. Finally, the conference concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Deputy Director (Academics) Symbiosis Law School, Pune.**



Inaugural Ceremony of SYMROLIC 2023 with esteemed dignitaries- Dr. YSR Murthy, Prof. Dr. Purvi Pokhariyal, Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Prof. Dr. KVS Sharma and Conference Abstract Compilation.



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Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Patil, Professor and Head – Research Publications at Symbiosis Centre for Research and Innovation (SCRI) addressing the Audience on Choosing the Right Journal and Writing to Suit a Journal



SYMROLIC 2023 Track Winners being felicitated by Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dr. Aparajita Mohanty and Prof. Dr. Bindu Ronald